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Applicants: DEBASHIS BHATTACHARYA et al.
Serial No: 09/896,059
For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS WITH TARGETED QUALITY OBJECTIVES
USING DYNAMICALLY GENERATED BUILDING
BLOCKS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, for which the period to respond has been extended one month to include January 26, 2004, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-noted application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.